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通訳をしている八木は、イギリスの大学に留学していた頃、ある国の王子と恋に落ちた。しかし、彼——リゲルが王位を継ぐ身だったため、その恋ははかなく終わっていた。それから日々は過ぎ、八木は「ゲルの従弟・サイードと知り合う。自分を見つめるサイードの眼差しに、八木は——

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# 星よりひそかに

A SECRET IN THE STARS



YASH-KUN,  
YOU'VE BEEN  
REQUESTED FOR  
TOMORROW.

FLAT

THANKS  
FOR THE  
HARD  
WORK.

HERE ARE  
MY TRAVEL  
EXPENSES AND  
TIMESHEET.

SORRY, BUT THEY  
WON'T ACCEPT  
ANY OTHER  
ENGLISH-SPEAKING  
REPLACEMENTS.

THEY'RE  
WAITING  
ON YOU.

BUT TOMORROW  
IS THE ANNUAL  
SEMINAR FOR  
WHISPERING  
INTERPRETERS.

I UNDER-  
STAND.

THIS REQUEST...  
WELL, I AM ACCORDING  
A GUEST, ARE THERE  
ANY REFERENCE  
MATERIALS I SHOULD  
BE FAMILIAR WITH?

A HIGH  
COMPANY.  
I WONDER  
WHAT TYPE  
OF BUSI-  
NESS.

OH,  
YASH-KUN.

NO, SEEMS  
IT'S NOT  
WORK-RELATED,  
BUT A PRIVATE  
PARTY AT THE  
COMPANY  
PRESIDENT'S  
HOLIDAY HOME.

DON'T YOU  
HAVE A CONTACT  
OVER THERE  
SOMEWHERE?  
YOU WERE IN THE  
MIDDLE EAST  
WITH THAT  
VENTURE  
CAPITAL FIRM.







TALK ABOUT CHANGING JOBS MEANS BECOMING TOO MUCH AGAIN TOMORROW WORK IS WORK, RIGHT?

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I wonder if  
OL' MY  
STAY

I wonder if  
OL' MY  
STAY

I wonder if  
OL' MY  
STAY











IT'S GOOD OF  
YOU TO COME.  
THE PRESIDENT  
WILL BE DELIVERED.

IT WAS THE  
SPECIAL REQUEST  
OF A GUEST  
WHO'S WAITING.

OH?

FRENCH SAVED  
HARSHI AGAIN.





THIS PRINCE'S FATHER WAS A YOUNGER STEPBROTHER OF HIS ROYAL BUSINESS KING FATHER.



NO... WE HAVEN'T SPOKEN AT ALL SINCE COLLEGE.



AH, THE HOUSE OF ASARAF THAT RULES THE KINGDOM OF RAHM. CROWN PRINCE ASHIL, THE SUCCESSOR, IS APPARENTLY A CLOSE SCHOOL CHUM OF YOURS?



WAS AN ASHRAFF



YES.



SO HE'S A COUSIN OF THE CROWN PRINCE



HE LOOKS A LOT LIKE THE CROWN PRINCE, DOESN'T HE?



HIS FATHER AND THE KING HAVE NEVER BEEN ON GOOD TERMS, SO THE SON HAD NO EXPECTATION OF STATUS OR FORTUNE FROM THE FAMILY



IT SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN DRILLED INTO HIM FROM A YOUNG AGE THAT IN ORDER TO MAKE A LIVING HE WOULD NEED AN EDUCATION IN BUSINESS.



JUST SO YOU KNOW, THIS PRINCE IS A SAVVY BUSINESSMAN WHO BUILT UP A SIZEABLE FORTUNE FOR HIMSELF BY THE AGE OF 20.





Yes, I see

I'm fine  
with college

Is this your  
first visit to

Is this  
your first  
visit here—



SOME COULD USE  
A BREAK TOO.



THERE'S A nice  
PRIVATE BEACH.



IT'S LIKE TO GET A  
LITTLE FRESH AIR.





I WAS  
STUDYING  
ABROAD AT  
AN ENGLISH  
UNIVERSITY...



HE WAS POPULAR,  
WITH EYE-CATCHING  
LOOKS AND AN OUT-  
GOING PERSONALITY

WHEN  
THE PRINCE  
APPEARED  
FROM THE  
MIDDLE EAST



WELL, ELATAN  
ANSWERED,  
PLEASANT  
TO MEET YOU



"YASH  
BARAGUCHI"

"YASH"

NOT THAT  
KIND OF YAO!

"YAO!"

AM-BL  
"YAO!"

I'M NAMED  
AFTER A STAR

THERE IT IS,  
MY STAR.

YOUR NAME IS  
BEAUTIFUL TOO.

IT'S A  
BEAUTIFUL NAME.

IN THE ORION  
CONSTELLATION.

ONLY A  
FOGBORER  
COULD SAY  
THAT WITH A  
STRAIGHT  
FACE

THE BRIGHT STAR  
IN THE LOWER RIGHT.









IN CELEBRATION  
OF THE GRADUATION

HE WAS AT  
HIS COUNTRY'S  
EMBASSY

AFTER THE  
GRADUATION  
CEREMONY...



HE WORE  
AND  
FORMAL  
GOWN THAT DAY

HE WAS  
PRIDE AS  
A PRINCE  
OF HIS  
COUNTRY



TELL ME SOME  
STORIES FROM  
WHEN YOU  
STUDIED ABROAD.

HEY ARRI, I DON'T  
WANT TO SPEND ANY  
MORE TIME COOED UP  
IN MY ROOM TODAY!

YOU AND FATHER  
TROUBLE EACH OTHER.

LIKE WHAT? WHAT  
DO YOU WANT TO  
HEAR ABOUT?

IT'S NOT HEALTHY,  
YOU KNOW?

WHO'S THAT?

HARUOCHI?

HARUYUKI.

HARUYUKI.

JAPAN...  
WHERE'S THAT?

THESE LITTLE  
ISLANDS?  
SO FUR AWAY?

JAPANESE.

SMARTEST PERSON  
I'VE EVER MET,  
AND BEAUTIFUL.

HARU  
LOOKS NICE.

CHINESE?



BARLEY  
IS IN  
THE SKY?

FURTHER  
THAN THE  
DISTANT SKY



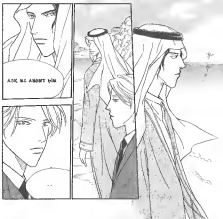
RECOVERING  
THAT  
STACK OF  
BOOKS.



THE SMALL  
ISLANDS  
WHERE  
MARTYRS  
LIVED.

FROM  
GAIL'S  
ROOM I  
JOURNEYED  
TO A  
STRANGE  
LAND.

There is no  
other way.



DO YOU KNOW  
THE MARCHIST

NO.

IT'S NOT THE PUBLIC  
KNOWLEDGE, BUT THE  
MARCHIST KING IS ONLY A  
LAD IN THE DISTANCE  
TO REMEMBER.

MR. THORNTON WOULD  
LIKE TO KNOW FROM  
EVERYWHERE.

THE  
BUT HE  
WAS  
STUCK  
FINDING  
THE  
WAS

THAT  
MIGHT...

EVEN AFTER  
WITNESSING  
HIS REALITY,

IT IS AS IF THAT IT  
WANT TO BECOME LARGER  
BEFORE KING, IT KING

THE KING  
WAS  
BEING  
SHOWN  
VICTIMALLY  
ALONE

I WOULD  
HAVE  
ACCEPTED  
THE  
DISTANCE  
AND FEAR  
US

IN THAT DAY  
YOU'LL HAVE A  
SPLASHING KING



EVEN IN  
THOSE  
CHILDHOOD  
DAYS...

THE  
ROOM  
OF THE  
TOWER-  
HEADED  
FUTURE  
KING



I HAD THE  
FEELING

ONLY THE  
MEMORIES  
ARE LEFT



... WAS A  
REFUGE

HE'S GONE  
NOW, AND  
GONE FROM  
THAT ROOM



WIND  
FLOODING  
OVER  
ME

THE DEEP  
FEELINGS FROM  
THAT TIME  
TOGETHER...



CHASING HIS  
SHADOW, I  
SPEAK HIS  
LANGUAGE  
THE WORDS I  
LEARNED...

I NEVER  
SAW HIS  
FAR-OFF  
COUNTRY  
AND

I NEVER  
ABANDONED  
THE PERSON  
I HEARNED  
FOR

FOR  
NOTHING

ORIGINAL SOURCE

WAT...  
WAT...?

ALL OF THAT...

HIS EYES,  
SOMEHOW,  
SEE ALL OF  
THAT...

DO YOU  
ENJOY  
YOUR  
MONEY?



I SPEAK IT AS  
WELL AS RIGEL.  
NO, BETTER  
THAN HE DOES.

HUNY PRINCE,  
SPEAKING  
JAPANESE  
NOW?



"JAPANESE" IS  
THE MOST  
DIFFICULT  
LANGUAGE  
IN THE  
WORLD."

THEY DIDN'T  
WANT TO  
STAND OUT  
TRAVELING IN  
A FOREIGN  
COUNTRY



BUT HE  
LEARNED IT.



CHARACTER SOUND(S)



HAIRY

HAIRY



AND ANYWAY, YOU  
WOULDN'T FIND EMMIL BY  
GAZING AT THE STARS.  
COME DOWN TO EARTH  
AND LOOK AROUND  
YOURSELF, HAIRY.



THE STARS  
AREN'T  
OUT YET



AM I  
DREAMING?



Something  
isn't right...

THIS DIS-  
GRACEFUL  
BEHAVIOR

CLIMB



YES



ARE YOU  
ALRIGHT?



HUH,  
PRINCE!?



STAY HERE...OR  
COME BACK TO  
MY COUNTRY

UM...  
HEY...

PRINCE!



I FEEL IT WOULD  
BE IMPOSSIBLE  
SO PLEASE PUT  
ME DOWN!

MY PRIVATE  
SUBMARINE IS  
WAITING...

# 星の輝く夜に

ON A STARRY NIGHT







HE WAS  
UNABLE TO  
SIGN THE  
CONTRACT  
AS WRITTEN



THERE'RE PEOPLE IF THEY  
FORCE ME TO SIGN  
THAT PEECE OF PAPER



HE'S ALSO IN  
THE POSITION  
OF BEING  
HEIR OF  
THE NEW KING

EVEN THOUGH  
HE'S STILL  
YOUNG, THERE  
ARE SOMEONE  
THAT HE'LL HAVE  
AN IMPORTANT  
POST IN THE  
FUTURE

WOW  
WOW

ONCE AGAIN  
HE'LL HAVE  
TO RETURN  
HOME  
DEFEATED

HE MAY BE ROYAL,  
BUT NO WONDER  
HE'S WELL-  
REWARDED AS A  
BUSINESSMAN IN  
HIS COUNTRY



UM, PLEASE  
EXCUSE ME.  
MIGHT WE  
HAVE A  
MOMENT TO  
CONFER?



HE CERTAINLY  
IS ARROGANT

WHY IS HE  
LOOKING  
AT US?





REGARDING  
YOUR  
DISCUSSION



Q:Q:Q:

YES,  
WELL...



WHAT  
WAS  
THAT?



SPE

SPE

SPE



HEY, THAT  
MIGHT  
TRANSLATED.



HE SPEAKS  
ARABIC?



OH, IS THAT  
HOW IT IS?



I'M COUSIN TO  
THE NEW KING,  
NOT NEARBY.

YET YOU  
CHOOSE TO  
SPEAK FOR  
YOURSELF

I'M KNOWN AS  
A WORLD-CLASS  
INTERPRETER,

IT'S A USEFUL  
ADVANTAGE, TO  
BE ABLE TO HEAR  
PEOPLES'S TRUE  
INTENTIONS

YOU'RE A  
TOUGH  
CUSTOMER

HEAT  
IS IT,  
HARU?

—PRINCE  
SAYED  
FUSAN  
ASARU?

(10)

—OF THE  
KINGDOM  
OF KANA,  
ONE OF THE  
AGRICULTURE-  
PRODUCING  
COUNTRIES  
IN THE  
MID-EAST

ONE TOUGH  
CUSTOMER

HE IS

YOUR  
REACTION  
WAS AMAZING  
TOO, HARU

DOWN PRINCE RIBEL  
WAS DESTINED TO  
BECOME KING OF A  
NATION. I DRAINED  
OUT MY HOMELESS  
LOVE FOR HIM BY  
WORKING AS AN  
INTERPRETER.

ONE DAY,  
PRINCE  
SAYED  
APPEARED

RECENTLY, THE  
FORMER KING OF  
RUMI DIED AFTER  
AN ILLNESS. RIBEL  
NOW THE YOUNG  
KING, AND I...

LOVE  
AND FELL IN  
LOVE WHILE  
STUDYING  
IN ENGLAND



YASH-KUN,  
PRINCE-SAMA  
HAS REQUESTED  
YOU FOR  
NEXT WEEK

SINCE  
THEN,  
WHENEVER  
HE'S IN  
JAPAN...



ON THE  
DAY'S  
WHEN I  
MET  
PRINCE  
SAMA

NEXT  
WEEK

YASH-SAN  
SEEMS  
DIFFERENT,  
HAPPY

HE MUST BE  
ENJOYING  
HIS JOB



YES.

THANK  
YOU



HAIL, YOU'VE FINISHED WORKING TODAY... RIGHT?

MY  
HEART'S  
AFLUTTER

IT'S A LITTLE  
EMBARRASSING



IT'D LIKE  
TO HAVE A  
LITTLE CHAT  
WITH YOU



NO  
THAT'S

BECAUSE  
I'M AN  
OUTSIDER,  
EVERYONE



YES

I EXPECTED  
THE CONTRACT  
SETTLEMENT TO BE  
SUCCESSFUL, SO I  
WOULD LIKE TO  
WELCOME YOU TO A  
LIGHT CELEBRATION  
PREPARED IN  
MY ROOMS



TOP FLOOR THE PRINCE'S ROOMS





LMA  
WAS THERE  
SOMETHING  
YOU WISHED  
TO DISCUSS?



...TO THE  
FIRST TIME  
THE TWO OF US  
HAVE SPENT  
QUALITY TIME  
TOGETHER

A  
TOAST...



WHAT?

MM...

WELL, NOW  
WOULD YOU LIKE  
TO COME HOME  
WITH ME?



YOU SPOKE  
OF MAKING A  
CHANGE IN YOUR  
CAREER. WHY NOT  
WORK FOR ME  
EXCLUSIVELY?



WOW... WOW...

YES...  
YES... ENGLISH ME?



WOW...

THIS IS A  
PROPOSAL



ESSENTIALLY,  
YOU WOULD  
BE WORKING  
IN JAPAN.

AND  
OCCASIONALLY  
COMING TO MY  
COUNTRY.



EXCLUSIVELY  
FOR ME...



ALL IN THE  
KINDOM OF RAMU



Oh, well.  
That's...



YAGHARA

Oh, yes?

PLEASE  
EXCUSE ME, I'LL  
BORROW YOUR  
BATHING

PLEASE PUT ON THESE  
CLOTHES, AND WE'LL  
HAVE YOURS CLEANED  
BEFORE THEY STAIN





NO, I MIGHT  
NOT SEE  
HIM EVEN IF  
I GO TO HIS  
COUNTRY

THE LIFE AS  
LEADS IS EVEN  
FURTHER AWAY  
FROM ME  
NOW THAN IT  
WAS BACK  
THEN



I THOUGHT  
I WOULD  
NEVER  
SEE HIM  
AGAIN



500



IT'S JUST  
A FARAWAY  
DREAM



...ONLY  
BECAUSE...

IT'S TRUE...

...I STILL...

...PEOPLE MIGHT  
SAY THAT I'M  
USING  
ESPECIALLY  
CLOSE WITH  
PRINCE SAKED...





I'M AN  
IDOT.

LETTING  
MY HEART  
FLATTER

NEXT  
MUSE.



THIS IS A MESS.  
TOO, TAKE IT  
OFF AND GIVE IT  
TO NASIR

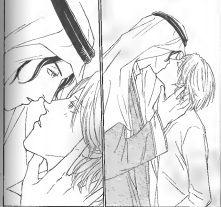


DID YOU  
GET LOST  
ON PRINCE?

ALLOW  
ME TO  
HELP  
YOU

.....

PRINCE!





DO I  
LOOK SO  
DIFFERENT?



WELL



NOT THAT  
GREAT, HUH?



AND THEY  
DON'T LOOK  
THAT GREAT  
ON YOU



WELL, I  
HAVEN'T  
SEEN YOU IN  
ANYTHING  
BUT SUITS,



WHO WOULD TAKE THE  
TRIMBLE TO TRACE ME  
DOWN IN JAPAN?



I'M VERY SORRY  
FOR THE MISUNDER-  
STANDING, PLEASE EXCUSE  
ME, WE HOPED TO  
OFFER YOU THAT  
THOSE CARS HAD  
BEEN FORDING.



THEY REMIND  
ME OF THE  
FOREIGN CLOTHES  
MY ENGLISH  
TUTOR WORE.



...FEELING  
LIKE THAT  
AGAIN.



...HE'S NO  
DIFFERENT.  
HE LIVES  
IN THAT  
WORLD.

I CAN'T  
MAKE THE  
SAME  
MISTAKE.



HE TOO, JUST  
AS MUCH...



AMBASSADORS  
FROM SO MANY  
COUNTRIES...



WHAT?



THAT'S A LOT  
OF PARTY  
INVITATIONS.

NO, IT'S MY  
BIRTHDAY.



Oh THAT'S ALRIGHT,  
I'LL LOOK AT  
THEM LATER.



SINCE THEY  
JUST START  
MAKING PARTY  
PREPARATIONS  
WITHOUT EVEN  
ASKING ME.

THIS YEAR I  
CAN AWAY.



I'M REALLY  
VERY SORRY

JUST DOING  
REGULAR THINGS  
ON SUCH AN  
IMPORTANT  
DAY, PHEW.

OH, CON-  
GRATULA-  
TIONS



IT'S TAKEN  
ME A YEAR TO  
GET CLOSE  
TO YOU

PRINCE—



BECAUSE IT'S  
IMPORTANT IS  
WHY I WANTED  
TO SPEND IT  
WITH YOU



IT'S NOT  
MUCH OF A  
DIFFERENCE  
PEOPLE FROM  
JAPAN LOOK  
YOUNGER THAN  
THEY ARE

I  
TURNED  
22

PRINCE, IF I  
REMEMBER  
CORRECTLY—

A DIFF-  
ERENCE  
OF SIX  
YEARS



THE COUNTRY  
HAS BEEN  
ENTRUSTED TO  
THE NEW KING,  
SO THERE'S  
NO NEED  
TO WORRY

I HAD BROUGHT  
UP TO GO INTO  
THE WORLD OF  
BUSINESS. I  
DON'T CARE TO  
PARTICIPATE IN  
STATE AFFAIRS

IF IT'S  
IDLE  
CHATTER  
AND  
RUMORS,

IT'S NOT  
JUST A  
MATTER OF  
AGE



I'M AS FREE  
AS YOU TO  
EXERCISE  
MY WILL.

AND CHERISH  
THIS TIME  
WITH YOU.



WHAT ARE YOU  
THINKING OF?

REBEL?



I DON'T  
THINK THIS  
IS ANYTHING  
LIKE THOSE  
DAYS.

RIGHT  
NOW I...



MAYBE I  
DON'T  
KNOW THIS  
PRINCE.

IT'S ANOTHER  
COUNTRY.

A DIFFERENT  
LIFE.









I DON'T  
WANT ANY  
GIFTS FOR  
YOU

NONE  
AT  
ALL



JUST  
JUST  
FOR  
TODAY.



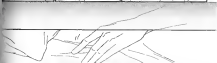
I WOULD  
LIKE TO  
CELEBRATE  
YOUR  
BIRTHDAY

WITH  
ALL  
MY  
HEART



JUST FOR  
TOMORROW.

JUST FOR  
THIS  
MOMENT.



DON'T TELL ME  
THERE'S NO MORE GUT.

FRANK SAYS, MAYBE  
THIS IS YOUR LAST  
CHANCE OF TELLING ME...

WHAT?

THAT HE WON'T  
ACCEPT YOUR OFFER.

IT SEEMS HE WON'T  
RETURNED TO HIS  
OFFICE GUT, DIRECT.

I'M AFRAID NOT  
HIS COLLEAGUE  
IS TALKING OFF.



MAKAI-SAN  
WHAT ARE YOU  
SAYING HERE?

WEDDING RINGS,  
YAGHI-SAN



NEE...

MAI...





WHAT?

PRINCE?



YES...

NO...  
PRINCE?



YOU SLEPT  
WELL. YOU  
SHOULD HAVE  
DRUNK TODAY.



PRINCE...

A short  
time with  
him...



I FELT PEACEFUL  
CHILD WAS  
POWERS, SO I  
RESORTED TO  
FORCE.



WE'RE  
ABOUT TO  
LAND.

PRINCE?







WELL, I'M HERE,  
SO WHO CARES  
ANYMORE ABOUT  
PRESIDENTS OR  
VACATIONS OR  
LITTLE THINGS  
LIKE THAT.

DON'T WORRY,  
I'VE CONSULTED  
THE PRESIDENT  
OF YOUR  
COUNTRY AND  
ARRANGED FOR  
YOU TO HAVE A  
VACATION.



ARGH, ISN'T IT?



THIS IS  
WHERE I  
GROW UP,

AND  
I'VE BEEN  
ABOUT YOUR  
COUNTRY.  
HARD.



WELL, IT WAS  
INEVITABLE.

THERE'S  
ONE THING  
LEFT TO DO.



WELL, WHAT AN  
UNBELIEVABLE STAY.

AND NOW,  
HE'S GONE.

HE HADN'T  
CHANGED A BIT...

STILL, AN AMAZING  
AS STAY.

I WANTED TO TELL HER  
ABOUT YOU PROPERLY.

THANKS  
TO THIS  
STRANGE  
SITUATION.

FROM NOW I GROW  
UP LIKE BROTHERS.  
HE'S BEEN  
AN IMPORTANT  
PERSON TO ME.

HE'LL ALWAYS  
HAVE A PLACE  
IN MY HEART.

DON'T FEAR, HE'S TOO  
MUCH AS I'LL WORK.





THE  
VICTIM?

SERIOUSLY?

I WAS  
ARGUING WITH  
MY WIFE. THIS  
TIME WE'VE  
DEFINITELY  
GETTING A  
DIVORCE.

YOU'RE  
LATE,  
BOSS-SAN.



I HEAR THE  
SCANDAL  
ENDED WITH  
A CARVING  
KNIFE.

59-YEAR-OLD  
MASTER OF  
THE HOUSE,  
NEARLY 60%  
TAKASHI.

THE  
PERPETRATOR,  
HIS WIFE NAOKI.

ファーストラブ  
＜初戀＞



AND  
HERO'S  
TEXT?



FIRST LOVE  
ファースト・ラブ <前編>  
PART ONE



IT SOUNDS  
HE'S ONE OF  
THE HOTTEST  
SCREENWRITERS  
AROUND.

NICE  
APARTMENT,  
HIS INCOME  
MUST BE  
GOOD.

DESPITE THE  
LOSS OF BLOOD,  
THE VICTIM'S LIFE  
IS NOT IN DANGER.

APPARENTLY  
A FEW OF HIS  
DRAMAS ARE HUGE  
HITS. NOT THAT I  
KNOW THEM  
I ONLY WATCH  
DETECTIVE  
DRAMAS.



...AND RAN INTO  
A RAGE WHEN  
SHE FINDS HER  
HUSBAND WITH  
THIS BOY.



HOW WOULD  
A DETECTIVE  
DRAMA  
PORTRAY  
THIS CRIME?

ACTUALLY,  
THE SCENE  
TENSION  
AND THE  
MOTIVE  
WOULD  
MAKE IT  
COMPILING.

A MARRIED,  
CHILDLESS COUPLE.  
THE WIFE IS AWAY  
ON A TRIP WHEN HER  
TRAVEL COMPANION  
BECOMES ALL PLANS  
GUT SHORT, SHE  
RETURNS HOME...



YOU WOULD THINK  
THIS MAN HAD  
CHEATED BEFORE  
AND HE MAY HAVE  
BEEN TRYING TO  
GET EVEN

THAT'S  
RIGHT

HUNT

HEY— WHAT  
THE HELL,  
BRINGING  
HIM HERE?

POOLING  
AROUND AT  
HOMER'S A  
HOTEL OR  
SOMETHING  
WOULD BE  
BETTER

DEER-  
SUN?

you feel it  
coming

I'M ADDICTED  
TO MEN

I CAN'T  
SHAKE THE  
FILTHY HABIT

JUST RECENTLY  
I'VE BEEN THINKING  
HOW FUNNY IT IS,

I MEAN, WHAT  
KIND OF MAN—

THAT I CAN'T SEE  
HIM AS A MAN

JUST TAKE  
HIM AWAY  
ALREADY!

...WHAT'S  
THE DEAL  
WITH THIS  
BRAT?

GYE! ARE  
A BRAT...

BOOM!

WILL

CLAMP '94



...THERE  
WAS A LOT



OH, WHEN HE  
SAW THE  
BLOOD.

HE CALLED IN  
AMBUANCE  
AND STOPPED  
THE BLEEDING

THERE  
WAS





WAS IT A  
DETECTIVE  
DRAMA? SEE,  
THEY CAN  
BE USEFUL.

HOW DID  
YOU KNOW  
HOW TO  
STOP THE  
BLEEDING?

I SAW  
SOMETHING  
ABOUT IT  
ON TV.





...YOU'RE SAY-  
I BELIEVE THE  
VICTIM IS... IN  
THE CLOSET?  
HE HAS A WIFE...

SO LET ME GET  
THIS STRAIGHT,  
YAMADA-SUN.  
YOU BECAME  
ACQUAINTED WITH  
THE VICTIM AT  
THE BAR WHERE  
YOU WORK  
PART-TIME.

DURING YOUR  
RELATIONSHIP, HE  
INVITED YOU OUT  
TO MEALS SEVERAL  
TIMES AND...



WELL,  
DON'T  
ASK ME.

AH, SO I  
SUPPOSE THERE  
ARE PEOPLE  
LIKE THAT.



NIIBARUCHI-  
SAN...

TOLD ME I  
WAS THE FIRST  
GUY HE HAD  
BEEN WITH.



DONE  
WITH THAT  
PAPER-  
WORK?



I'M  
GLAD TO  
HEAR IT

IT SOUNDS LIKE  
NEISHIKI-SAN  
WILL MAKE A  
FULL RECOVERY

YES.

ONCE UPON

ALRIGHT

✕  
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:

THANKS FOR YOUR  
COOPERATION.  
WE'LL CONTACT  
YOU IF ANYTHING  
COMES UP

THEN,  
THAT'S IT





WELL, I DON'T  
KNOW ABOUT  
THAT. HE WOULD  
PROBABLY SAY  
ALL ALONE.



YAMORI,  
SEOM-EUM, 19  
YEARS OLD. WITH  
THAT AIR OF  
VULNERABILITY HE  
SEEMS TO ATTRACT  
MISFORTUNE. I  
GUESS THE VICTIM  
WAS LURED INTO  
TEMPTATION BY  
THAT DEVIL, HMM?



WHAT A  
GORGEOUS KID



I TOLD  
YOU, I'M  
GETTING A  
DIVORCE



MYSE

OH, YOU  
BETTER CALL  
YOUR WIFE,  
KEE-SAN



I'M GOING  
FOR A  
SMOKE



YEAH,  
SOMETHING  
LIKE THAT



BECAUSE  
YOUR WIFE CAN'T  
UNDERSTAND HOW  
DEVOTED YOU ARE  
TO YOUR WORK

BECAUSE I  
CERTAINLY  
HAVE

HOW LONG  
HAS IT BEEN  
SINCE I  
TURNED  
AWAY FROM  
HER?

I DECIDED  
TO TAKE  
CHANCES  
ON MY JOB

THE RECORDS  
FROM ORANGE

ARE YOU COMING TOMORROW  
I WAS WAITING TO  
MEET YOU

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WOW, I'D SAY  
IT'S WORTH  
ABOUT FIFTY  
MILLION

IT WAS WASTED  
ON THE CUBBY,  
MIDDLE-AGED  
FINGER OF SOME  
FLIGHTY BROAD

THIS IS  
STEALING



THAT'S HOW  
I BUY WHAT  
I WANT.

THAT WOULD  
BUY AN  
APARTMENT.



STEALTHLY ENJOYING  
MYSELF LIKE A  
PERVERT,  
SIGHTSEEING  
BEFORE WE  
SLEEP  
TOGETHER.

THIS ISN'T  
BAD AT ALL.



NOW ELSE  
COULD SOMEONE  
BUY THIS IF IT'S  
NOT SOLD  
IN STORES.



W—  
WAIT.

OUCH



THAT'S THE  
NATURE OF  
MY TRADE.

DOING THAT  
SO SUDDENLY  
DOESN'T  
FEEL GOOD.



I'LL BUY YOU  
WHATEVER  
YOU WANT.





MY DIVORCE  
CAME  
THROUGH  
TOOK!

THE CHIEF  
TOLD ME...

MUST BE NICE A  
BEAUTIFUL HOME  
FOR HIS FAMILY  
IN A GOOD AREA,  
COURTESY OF  
PUBLIC SAFETY

HOW LONG  
HAS HE  
BEEN CHIEF?

THAT I  
SHOULD GET  
MARRIED AS  
SOON AS  
POSSIBLE.



MARRIED  
FOR THREE  
YEARS

I'M NOT  
SETTING ANY  
YOUNGER,  
RIGHT?

ALTHOUGH HE  
OVERCAME  
SEVERAL  
CRISIS,  
EVENTUALLY...

I MEAN, I  
DON'T WANT  
TO END UP AN  
OVERWORKED,  
GRUMPY...



OH,  
EASILY,  
HAPPY

BY THE WAY, THE  
NISHIKIWA CASE,  
I HEAR HE'LL BE  
DISCHARGED  
FROM THE  
HOSPITAL  
TOMORROW





WHAT?

"WE'RE SORRY  
THE NUMBER  
YOU."

HE WOULDN'T  
EXACTLY BE IN A  
POSITION TO  
VISIT THE  
HOSPITAL.

BEING  
ALWAYS  
WHY WOULD  
THAT SET  
ME WROTE  
IT DOWN  
HISSELF

What a  
bunch of  
bullshit

What a  
bunch of  
bullshit

I  
WONDER  
IF HE'S  
HEARD

ABOUT  
THE  
HELP

"WE'RE SORRY  
THE NUMBER YOU  
HAVE COULDN'T  
BE MET IN  
SCHOOL."

HE SHOULD  
ALSO NOT  
REASON TO  
LIE ABOUT  
THIS CASE



PEANUT  
SUN, SUNFLOWER  
VILLA



SHOULD BE  
ABOUT HERE  
SUNFLOWER  
BLOCK L.





IT WAS ALL  
BULLSHIT



FORGET HIM (AND)  
DON'T SPEND FORTUNES  
ON HIM. BELIEVE ME, I KNOW.



WELL,  
DUMB.



WHAT'S  
GOING ON  
AROUND



I'VE BEEN  
TRYING HIS  
CELL, BUT HE  
DOESN'T  
ANSWER



CAN YOU  
WRITE DOWN  
THAT NUMBER  
FOR ME,  
PLEASE?



FROM-KIM  
MIGHT  
CONTACTED  
YOU SINCE  
THEN?



REALLY, THE  
POOR KID



I WONDER  
IF HE CAN  
RECOVER,  
GOING  
THROUGH  
SOMETHING  
LIKE THAT



DOING HIS  
BEST TO  
BECOME AN  
ACTOR.

HE WAS  
MOONLIGHT-  
FEB AS A  
BARTENDER,  
BUT HE WAS  
IN A SMALL  
THEATRE  
TROUPE.



YEAH, GAA,  
I DON'T  
USUALLY  
RESORT TO  
THAT...

HE TOLD ME  
THAT HE WAS A  
BIG FAN OF MY  
SCREENPLAYS.



THE BAR  
WHERE YOU  
MET HIM?



HE WAS  
RAISED IN AN  
ORPHANAGE  
AND HAD NO  
LIVING  
RELATIVES.

HE DOESN'T  
HAVE ANYONE TO  
DEPEND ON.

I WANTED TO DO  
SOMETHING TO  
HELP HIM OUT.



THEY  
CERTAINLY  
DO.



I WENT TO ONE OF  
HIS PLAYS AND  
COULD SEE AT A  
GLANCE THAT HE  
HAD TALENT.

THOSE EYES  
TRULY HAVE THE  
POWER TO LIE.



HE CAME  
BY WITH  
THE KID  
ONCE

THERE ARE  
RUMORS THAT  
THE MAN IS  
TRYING TO GET  
HIM INVOLVED  
IN SOME SHADY  
BUSINESS HE  
WAS RUNNING

HE'S  
STAYING AT A  
JEWELER'S  
PLACE.  
ANOTHER  
CUSTOMER OF  
OURS. HE'S  
DOING WHATEVER  
HE CAN TO  
GET BY

Shinichi  
OKUKAWA



DON'T BE  
AT ALL THAT  
KID'S TYPE.  
AM I NOT?







I THOUGHT  
THAT MIGHT  
SURPRISE YOU

IT'S GREAT TO  
SEE YOU SHOW  
SOME GENUINE  
EMOTION



SORRY TO BURN  
YOU A SHOCK.  
I CHECKED YOUR  
PHONE RECORDS  
TO FIND YOUR  
REAL NAME

I SUSPECT  
YOUR LACK OF  
AUTHORITY  
MAY BE  
SKETCHY

HEY,  
HOLD IT



IT'S  
TRUE.



ARE YOU  
SURE?



OH, YEAH.  
MESHIGUCHI-  
SAN IS OUT OF  
THE HOSPITAL  
ALREADY.  
HE'S FINE.

WHAT  
THE HELL  
THAT GILL  
PHONE—



HE SEEMS  
LIKE A REALLY  
GOOD GUY.



WHAT  
ARE YOU  
TALKING  
ABOUT?

DID I  
FINALLY  
FOOK  
YOU?

YOUR FACE  
FLUTTERED A  
LITTLE.



HE PROBABLY  
WOULD HAVE  
INVESTED PLENTY  
OF MONEY IN YOU.



IF IT HADN'T  
BEEN FOR THAT  
INCIDENT.





IS THE OWNER  
OF THIS PLACE ONE  
OF YOUR SUSAR  
DADDIES TOOP? I BET  
AN INVESTIGATION  
MIGHT EVEN TURN  
UP OTHERS.



CONFUSED  
LOOKING OF MY  
OBJECTIVE,



HE SEARCHED  
FOR MY TRUE  
INTENTIONS.





DELIANT.



I CAN'T  
HELP IT IF  
PEOPLE OWE  
ME MONEY.



AND GAVE  
THEM A  
TASTE OF  
HAPPINESS.



MONEY --  
SOME  
PEOPLE  
HAVE A  
LOT OF IT.

IT'S PERFECTLY  
LEGAL TO SEEK  
THEM OUT.



AM I THERE'S  
NO LOVE ON  
YOUR PART.



IS THAT A  
PROBLEM?



OH, PEOPLE  
ARE PLAYING  
HAPPINESS  
FROM YOU?



PUT SIMPLY,  
IT'S FALSE.  
YOU'RE  
DELIBERATELY  
APPROACHING  
PEOPLE IN  
ORDER TO  
DECEIVE THEM.

YOU GIVE  
THEM THAT  
IMPRESSION,  
SO THEY GIVE  
YOU MONEY.

YOUR PARTNERS  
BELIEVE THAT YOU  
FEEL THE SAME  
AFFECTION FOR  
THEM AS THEY  
FEEL FOR YOU.



YOU BETTER  
HAVE SOME  
DECENT  
EVIDENCE IF  
YOU WANT TO  
ARREST ME.

WHAT  
THE HELL?



I'LL HAVE TO  
TAKE YOU IN.

I WANT TO BUY...

SOME  
BUSINESS TOO



BUT  
DESPITE THE  
PRESSURES  
OF MY JOB,

ANY NAUTY  
THOUGHTS I  
HAD OF  
SOMEDAY  
BEING  
MARRIED  
WENT —

IN MY  
PROFESSION,  
BEING GAY WAS  
NOT ACCEPTABLE



NOT AT ALL.

... THEY  
KNEW.

THAT  
NIGHT.





FIRST LOVE

ファースト・ラブ

＜抜錨＞  
PART TWO



SART

THIS UNCRUPULOUS GOP



HE  
LOOKING  
AT ME

WITH A SERIOUS  
EXPRESSION.



YOU MUST BE  
USED TO  
HEARING THAT,  
WITH A FACE  
LIKE THIS.

...AND TOLD  
ME THIS  
FOR THE  
FIRST TIME.

HE FOUND  
OUT HOW I  
WAS MAKING  
MONEY.



YOU  
REALLY ARE  
BEAUTIFUL.

LET'S GET  
THIS OVER WITH

JUST MAKE  
IT QUICK.

THE JUNK DOES  
THIS AFTER ME  
RUSTS ARE. AND  
I'M SUPPOSED TO  
BE THE BAD ONE





THAT'S  
ALRIGHT.  
YOU DON'T  
HAVE TO...

NOPE,  
YOU'RE  
SENSITIVE

JUST  
HURRY UP,  
ALREADY

OUCH

AAA

OH, SORRY,  
YOU'RE  
SINNY,  
AREN'T YOU?



WAT?  
WHY NOT?



IT'S OKAY,  
REALLY.

YOU JUST  
GO AHEAD

WTF,

SO



IS THAT HOW  
YOU USUALLY  
HAVE SEX?



DO YOU FEEL  
LIKE YOU  
MIGHT GO  
EXPOSED LIKE  
THIS, WHILE  
I'M WATCHING  
YOU?

I SAID  
SHUT  
UP!



EMBARRASSED?  
WHAT, YOU WEREN'T  
EXPECTING ME  
TO TOUGH YOU?  
ADORABLE.

SHUT UP--

AH



OH



SHOCK! SHOCKING! AND LOVING!





DELIBERATELY,  
TAKING HIS TIME.

HE ALTERNATED  
BETWEEN  
MOVING SLOWLY  
AND THEN  
INTENSELY,

AND KIDDED  
HIM TENDERLY



I PASSED  
OUT?

THIS...

NO  
FEEL



DOING  
CRAPP



IT'S RISKY,  
THAT'S  
FOR SURE

THIS  
WHATEVER  
IT IS,



I'VE  
NEVER  
TOLD  
ANYONE.

DID YOU  
JUST  
PASS  
THAT OUT?



WELL,  
I'M SRY.



WHAT  
ARE YOU  
TALKING  
ABOUT?

BEING GAY  
WASN'T AN  
OPTION.

IT COULD  
ONLY BE A  
NEGATIVE  
IN MY LIFE.

AT HOME,  
MY FATHER  
AND OLDER  
BROTHER  
WERE BOTH  
POLICE  
OFFICERS,

AND I WANTED  
TO BE ONE TOO,  
EVER SINCE I  
HAD A KID.

CLAY:

BUT THANKS TO  
YOU I DECIDED  
TO CHANGE MY  
WAY OF LIFE

THAT'S  
HELPER

WHY  
BLURRY  
ME WITH  
TRUTH

I'VE NEVER  
CONSIDERED  
MY OWN  
LIFE VERY  
CAREFULLY.

NOT ADMITTING  
IT AND GETTING  
MARRIED WAS  
A MISTAKE.



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SO YOU  
MOVED UP  
HERE TO A  
FLAT IN  
TOKYO?

MORE  
LIFE...A  
FLAT WAS  
MY GOAL.

EXCEPT THAT  
IT'S ALL OLD  
PEOPLE AND  
THERE'S NO  
WORK. IT'S A  
SMALL VILLAGE.

WHERE?  
IT'S NICE  
TO HAVE A  
HOMETOWN.

OH, WOULDN'T YOU  
SAY JOINING SOME  
AMATEUR THEATRE  
COMPANY WAS THE  
OPPOSITE OF THAT?

EVEN WHILE REHEARSING  
YOU HAD TO WORK PART-  
TIME. BUT LIFE IS HARD  
WHEN YOU'RE BARELY  
SCRAPING BY, SO YOU  
CAME UP WITH AN EASIER  
WAY OF MAKING MONEY?

PEOPLE  
IN THE BIG  
CITY TURNED  
YOU BAD.

YOUR TALENTS  
WOULD HAVE  
BEEN WASTED  
IN A SPARSELY  
POPULATED  
VILLAGE.

I'M NOT  
BAD AT ALL!

"YOU'RE SO  
BEAUTIFUL."

I SEE. JUST  
DOING WHAT  
YOU WERE TOLD,  
IS THAT IT?

IT WASN'T  
MY IDEA, THE  
PEOPLE I MET  
HERE DROVE  
TO ME.







THAT YOU'RE  
TIED UP WITH NOW,  
OKUMA, TADASHI?  
I WONDER WHAT I  
COULD UNCOVER  
ON HIM.



WHAT?

MIN-HANG  
THAT  
JEWELER...



WHY SHOULD  
I TELL YOU  
ANYTHING?



OH,

WOULD YOU BE  
WILLING TO CO-  
OPERATE WITH  
THE POLICE, AND  
SHARE WHAT  
YOU KNOW?



I THINK THE  
REAL YOU  
EXISTS.

BUT STANDING  
IN FRONT OF ME  
IS SOMEONE  
WHO DOES  
THOSE THINGS...



I FELT YOU  
TREASONING  
IN MY ARMS  
THAT TIME.

GET OUT  
OF THAT  
SITUATION  
AND START  
OVER.

EVEN THEN  
YOU WANTED TO  
ESCAPE FROM  
THAT LIFE...



IT WOULD BE  
BETTER TO  
DISMANTLE  
YOURSELF  
FROM THAT  
JUNKIE AND  
HIS WAY  
OF LIFE

FOR YOUR  
OWN GOOD



BUT YOUR  
LUCK RIGHT  
HOLD OUT  
FOREVER



I'M  
LEAVING

YOU'RE  
LUCKY YOU  
WEREN'T  
STABBED  
THAT NIGHT



YOU EVEN  
WENT TO MY  
APARTMENT?



GOING BACK  
TO YOUR  
APARTMENT?  
DOESN'T SEEM  
LIKE MUCH TO  
GO BACK TO.



I'VE HEARD  
ENOUGH OF  
YOUR CLUT



SOME WILL  
SAY HE IS,

SAYING ONE THING  
AND DOING EXACTLY  
THE OPPOSITE

SOME WILL  
SAY HE IS,

SAYING ONE THING  
AND DOING EXACTLY  
THE OPPOSITE

WHELP

WELL, GOOD NIGHT

I FORGOT TO SAY IT, BUT NEXT TIME LET'S DO ONLY ONE DATE.

WHELP

WELL, GOOD NIGHT

I FORGOT TO SAY IT, BUT NEXT TIME LET'S GO ON A DATE.

WHELP

WELL, GOOD NIGHT

I FORGOT TO SAY IT, BUT NEXT TIME LET'S GO ON A DATE.





MY LUXURY  
STUDIO  
APARTMENT

I HAVEN'T SEEN  
ANY MORE  
HIGH-PRICED  
JEWELRY...



IMPATIENT  
TO DO  
SOMETHING  
THAT CAN'T  
BE DONE AT  
ALL IF IT  
CAN'T BE  
DONE WELL



LIVING  
IN  
TOKYO

WITH  
VERY  
LITTLE  
MONEY,

THIS WAS MY  
REALITY...



SLIPS

I LAY THERE  
FOR A WHILE,  
SORT OF  
PARALYZED

I THOUGHT  
OF NOTHING  
BUT THOSE  
WORDS,  
EVERY DAY

IF ONLY  
I HAD  
MONEY

MY HEART  
POUNDED LIKE IT  
WAS TRYING TO  
ESCAPE FROM  
MY CHEST

"YOU'RE  
REALLY  
BEAUTIFUL."







WHEN I  
EVENTUALLY  
NEEDED  
MORE  
MONEY.

I BEGAN  
TO SHOP  
AROUND FOR  
PARTNERS.



I WOULD  
JUST  
EXCHANGE  
MYSELF  
FOR CASH.



IT SEEMED  
SIMPLE TO  
GET MONEY.

BEFORE I  
KNEW IT...

IF ONLY I  
HAD MONEY.

AT ANY RATE,  
IF I HAD  
MONEY...



EVEN  
THOUGH  
I'VE BEEN  
HAVING A  
LOT OF  
SEX.

IT WAS  
NOTHING  
LIKE  
TONIGHT



WHAT AM  
I DOING?



"YOU'VE  
HIT THE  
BEST TIME IN  
YOUR LIFE."

"A MAN IS BY  
LOVE WITH YOU."



"I FAME THE  
REAL YOU  
EXISTS. BUT."



"GET OUT OF THAT  
SITUATION AND  
START OVER."

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JUST, IT LOOKS  
LIKE HE FLIES  
AROUND ALL OVER  
THE WORLD.

UM, AIRLINE  
PURCHASES  
OVERSEAS?

ORIGINAL  
JEWELRY, IS IT  
WORTH ASKING YOU  
INVESTIGATORS?

WELL, IF IT'S  
OUT OF OUR  
JURISDICTION,  
WE CAN'T DO A  
THING ABOUT IT.

OR MAYBE HE'S  
TRADING IN  
STOLEN GOODS?



UM, YEAH, A  
CLASSMATE  
FIND'S DOING  
ALRIGHT,  
PERFORMING  
RECENTLY IN A  
SMALL ROLE.

CAN YOU  
GIVE ME  
TICKETS?

THE MOST  
SUCCESSFUL  
PERSON IN  
OUR CLASS.



WELL,  
YEAH, THAT'S  
TRUE.

DON'T YOU  
HAVE SOME  
FORMER  
FALL-OUT  
FRIENDS?





MONEY CAN'T BUY...

...THE PLACE IN ME WHERE MY LITTLE DREAM...

STILL LIVES.



8-SEATS IN HALL  
I SPURGED FOR  
OUR FIRST DATE

HELLO?

...A FLUFF

OPEN 8-SEATS ARE THE BEST SEATS AVAILABLE TO THE GUESTS. (PAGE 2)

IN OFF-DUTY  
SO IT'S PERFECT  
TIMING

WENT  
TONIGHT?

I STILL  
HAVE TO  
GO...

THE CURTAIN RINGS  
AT 300. SO LET'S  
HAVE A PEEL  
REPHRASED

.....

WHAT YOU HAVE  
AN ERRAND? AN  
OH DARN  
BATTERY...

ANYWAY HOW YOU  
CAN HAVE IT.

I DON'T  
REALLY KNOW,  
I JUST GOT  
A MESSAGE  
TO GO TO  
THE SHOP









WITH THIS  
FACE, AND YOUR  
BOOBS NOT BIG  
AT ALL, HOW  
ABOUT ANY?



WHAT  
SHOULD HE  
DO ABOUT  
THIS, HMP?



OW?

WOULDN'T I  
CATCH YOU  
RED-HANDED?  
JEEZ, EVEN  
WITH THAT  
GUY'S FACE...

CLAMP - CLAMP - CLAMP



CLAMP

CLAMP



OR EVEN  
BEAT YOU.

IT WOULD  
BE FUN TO  
WATCH  
SOMEONE  
FUCK YOU  
SENSELESS.



BEING A  
POLICE  
OFFICER



EXCUSE ME,  
I'M OPPOSED  
TO VIOLENCE.



HAH,  
UNFORTUNATELY  
I'M OFF-DUTY



THAT'S A STRANGE  
ACCUSATION. I'D  
HARDLY ASK YOU  
NOT TO MAKE ANY  
MOVES, UNLESS  
YOU HAVE A  
SEARCH WARRANT



HAH, ANY  
STOLEN  
PROPERTY  
AROUND  
HERE?



COME  
ON.



I CALLED  
FROM IN  
FRONT OF  
THE SHOP.

I WAS SO  
EXCITED AFTER  
BUYING THE  
16-TICKETS I  
COULD HARDLY  
STAND IT, SO  
I CAME TO  
PICK YOU UP.

SO  
THAT'S  
IT.

YOUR  
KNIGHT IN  
SHINING  
ARMOR  
ARRIVED  
EARLY.

WHAT... HOW  
DID YOU ?



HAVE YOU BEEN  
WATCHING DRAMAS  
AGAIN? CATCHING  
CRIMINALS TAKES  
STEADY AND DILIGENT  
INVESTIGATION.

HEY, WHEN  
WILL YOU SUE  
THAT SHOP?

WHAT A  
NEED

SO...

LET'S GET  
BUSINESS  
AND SEE  
THE PLAY.

BUSINESS?

ANYWAY,  
CATCHING YOU IS  
ENOUGH FOR NOW.



THE PRICE OF  
THE TICKETS  
HOPED AN OIL  
FOR THE MONTH

AND OLIVE SAT  
BURNED ON A  
FIRST DATE?



HOW ABOUT WE  
GO BACK TO MY  
PLACE TONIGHT?

AND TO AVOID  
HOTEL BILLS,



AND CONSIDER  
CONSIDER  
CONSIDER  
CONSIDER  
CONSIDER

WHAT ARE  
YOU DOING?



愛してください

LOVE ME PLEASE



WE MAY BE ABLE TO  
GET A DISCOUNT AT  
MY UNIVERSITY  
SENPAI'S PLACE,  
BUT IT'S A GAY BAR

WHERE'S  
YOUR  
TEAM  
SPIRIT?

WHAT?

HEY! GIRLS  
LIKE GAYS  
TO BUY BARS?

YEAH, WE'RE  
TOTALLY  
OKAY WITH IT

oh!  
I WANT TO GO!  
I'VE NEVER  
BEEN TO  
A GAY BAR!

HAI!  
THAT'S...

WELL, IT'S  
JUST STAY  
HERE.

LET'S  
GO

AND THEN IT  
WILL BE  
EVEN  
CHEAPER

PLEASE COME  
WITH US,  
SLEEPING ALONG A  
RANDOM MAN  
WILL PUT THE  
PROFESSOR IN A  
GOOD MOOD

WHY?  
HOW CAN I  
PERSUADE  
YOU, CHIEF  
SABAKU-CHIEF









NO, I  
DON'T  
THINK SO

YOU



WE, A  
MOMENT'S  
CLOTHING  
COMPANY'S  
DESIGN

DESIGN AND  
PROJECT  
PLANNING TOO

DO YOU HAVE A  
STOREFRONT?

NO, WE CREATE  
AND SUPPLY  
PRODUCTS FOR  
SPECIALTY  
DEPARTMENT  
STORES.

OH, AND  
RECENTLY  
WE STARTED  
SELLING  
ONLINE.



OH, THE  
PLEASURE  
IS MINE

HERE,  
PLEASED  
TO MEET  
YOU









I CAME ACROSS A  
VIDEO ONLINE OF  
SOMEONE WHO'S  
JUST MY TYPE.



AND NOW I  
MEET HIM IN  
REAL LIFE

SORRY,  
WE'LL HAVE  
TO WAIT TO  
LEAVE THE  
STALL.

I'VE COME  
JUST WATCHING  
YOUR FACE.

YOU LOOK  
SO FIRM  
AND PROPER  
WEARING  
A SUIT.

WHO WOULD  
SUSPECT  
HOW LONELY  
YOU ARE?



LET ME GO!

WHILE I  
JERKED  
OFF







Well—  
Ah

I TREASURE  
THAT VIDEO



Ah...



BUT I NEVER  
THOUGHT I'D  
BE ABLE TO  
TOUCH THE  
REAL THING.



I'VE ALREADY  
SEEN ALL OF IT.



THERE'S  
NO NEED  
TO BE SRY  
EVEN THIS





THAT SCARY  
PROPOSITION  
FORBIDS  
SAY HERE



AH, I CAN'T,  
I CAN'T



I WANT TO  
PLUCK YOU



SO LONG.

SHIRAKAWA,  
WHO WORKS  
AT, UH, OO  
COMPANY

PUTTING THIS  
KIND OF THING  
OUT THERE IS  
NO BIG DEAL.

WHAT ARE  
YOU TALKING  
ABOUT,  
"FORECAST"?

SINCE FORECAST  
YOU KNOW HAS  
BEEN HERE ACCORD

THAT  
ISN'T IT?

THAT'S NOT  
WHAT I MEANT





WOULDN'T USE  
THE CHANCE,  
AND THE SCENE  
BUT WHO  
ACTUALLY  
SAID IT?



IT'S  
ON FIRE



MY  
BODY











I DON'T KNOW  
WHO HE THINKS HE  
IS, BUT I'M SURE  
HE'LL BE GETTING  
IN TROUBLE

OF COURSE  
YES  
GOODBYE

IT WOULD BE  
FINE IF HE  
WERE ONLY  
HAVING FUN  
OF ME

I SAW  
THAT  
MAN'S  
FACE

SINCE  
THEN,  
EVERY  
TIME THE  
PHONE  
RINGS,

HELLO, THANK  
YOU VERY  
MUCH FOR

HIHO

ALRIGHT

I DON'T  
REMEMBER  
ANY...

HELLO,  
DIVISION

OK

PAUSE

OK

SHOULD I  
LIVE THERE, ITS  
BETTER I CAN  
FROM ... LIFE





THIS  
KIND OF  
THING...

ONLY  
HAPPENS IN  
TV DRAMAS

"SO WHAT I  
TELL YOU OR  
I'LL EXPOSE  
YOUR SECRET."



HIDE MY  
REAL-LIFE  
PROTAGONIST

AND  
THEN  
HAPPEN

HOW FAR  
WOULD HE  
GOE THE  
GOLD AND  
SHALLOW  
FAROE?

...LOOKING  
INTO MY EYES.



BUT  
NOW THIS  
EXTORTIONIST...

I STOOD  
THEIR  
WAITING  
FOR THE  
REWARD





AND  
STRIPPED  
NAED

POWDERING,  
I BRACED  
AGAINST  
THE CHILL

HIS OBSCURITIES  
ON SEEING ME  
FUELED MY SENSE  
OF SHAME

MY  
BROODY  
PRIDE

RETAINED  
ANY









I WAS NEVER  
COMFORTABLE IN  
RELATIONSHIPS  
WITH WOMEN.

BUT THAT'S  
HOW OLD I  
WAS BEFORE  
I WAS EVER  
WITH A MAN.



...THAT WAS MY  
FIRST TIME.



THAT--  
YOU DID SEEM  
PRETTY DRUNK.

IT WAS TAKEN  
WITHOUT YOUR  
PERMISSION?



I'M AN  
IDiot

HE TOYED WITH  
ME LITTLE. HE  
COULD MAKE  
MONEY TAKING  
THAT VIDEO.



WHAT?

LIKE A FOOL, I  
BELIEVED HE WAS  
DEVOTED TO ME.

TO HIM IT WAS JUST  
A CASUAL THING.



...HE REACHED OUT  
UNCONSCIOUSLY

SOMETIMES...

HE LOOKED  
PUZZLED.

WAS HE  
TRYING TO  
BLOCK THE  
CAMERA?

HOW COULD IT

BE?

WOULD I  
DO SUCH  
A THING?

BRINGING  
HIM HERE...

SO...

...THAT GUY WAS  
YOUR FIRST, AND  
YOU WOULDN'T HAD  
ANYBODY ELSE TO  
COMPARE HIM TO?

"I MEAN, WITH  
THAT GUY IN  
THE VIDEO."

"HONESTLY..."

NATURALLY HE  
HAS NO SELF-  
CONFIDENCE

IN LOVE  
AFFAIRS  
WITH MEN

I WAS AFRAID  
TO BELIEVE  
IN ANYONE

I COULDN'T  
BE SURE  
ANYMORE



YOU CAN'T  
EXPECT TO MEET  
THE PERSON  
YOU'RE SUPPOSED  
TO MEET

...IF YOU  
JUST SIT AND  
WATCH THE  
WORLD GO BY,  
DOING  
NOTHING,



MEET  
THE  
HELP

THERE'S  
NO SUCH  
THING...



MEET. I  
GUESS THAT'S  
THE KIND OF  
PERSON I AM



NO MATTER WHAT  
HAPPENS, EVEN IF  
IT'S SOME ASSHOLE  
WHO TAKES  
ADVANTAGE OF YOU



AS THE 100%  
IDEAL HUMAN  
BEING, BUT  
EVEN SO...



OH JEEZ.



ARE YOU  
TELLING ME  
THAT YOU'RE  
NOT SATISFIED  
BY THEM?



.....



AFFECTION,  
TENDERNESS

I AVOID  
THOSE  
FEELINGS



OH?



RELATIONSHIPS  
DON'T MATTER  
AT ALL TO ME



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I WAS TEMPTED  
TO BELIEVE AGAIN

I'M SUCH  
AN IDIOT

LOVE,  
THAT IS

ANDY  
KNATT?

IT'S OKAY  
TO KEEP  
TRYING  
UNTIL YOU  
GET IT  
RIGHT



SURE.

SHALL WE TAKE  
A BREAK BY OUR  
ROOM, HARRY?

oh, the regional  
manager is waiting  
in the lobby.

yes?

WE HAVE SOMETHING  
IMPORTANT TO  
DISCUSS TOGETHER.

545000

oh, that's  
right.

I'll meet you  
there later.



THAT WAS SO LONG AGO.

HE HOSTED A WED.  
BAGGI PARTY.

DESTROYING THE  
BAGGI SPIRITS AND  
CAUSING DAMAGE TO THE HOTEL.

IT WAS  
LAST MONTH.

REALLY, SOME PEOPLE  
A RAIN WORLD.

SAYING-OKAY,  
WE BETTER  
GO.

ALRIGHT

I'LL SEE YOU  
THIS EVENING

Yes, the master  
is a FANTASY.

AS YOU CAN SEE,  
IT'S BEST TO STAY  
CLOSE BY TRICK  
PEOPLE LIKE THAT

A  
FANTASY  
TRICK







I SEEM TO  
RECALL...

WWT



SAY

YES, I'LL BE  
GOING WITH THIS  
IN A MINUTE.



OF A DOWNSIDE  
ABOUT MAN.



A WHILE AGO,  
WHEN I WAS WORKING  
IN RYU'S ROOM,

SEVERAL THINGS  
FROM OLD TIME  
STRUCK ME AGAIN...

Tap



WHAT KIND OF  
RELATIONSHIP DO  
YOU HAVE?

YOU, AND RYU,  
AND SAKURA...

END



I wonder if  
it's as good as  
I've imagined



... yes, honestly -



Stop it. It's  
not like  
Angeles

Hmm...

I'll offer you  
better conditions  
than anyone  
I ever saw you



So pretty. This  
looks like you



I'll give you  
anything you want...



USED  
TO BE  
HER

IT'S EXACTLY YOUR  
STYLE TO FIND  
SOMETHING LIKE THIS

WHAT THE HELL?



THAT SOUNDS  
BY WHO I'M  
BEARING WITH

YOU ALSO USED TO  
TRY TO COME BETWEEN  
ME AND ME, UNCLE,  
SO YOU COULD HAVE  
HIM ALL TO YOURSELF



JUST LIKE THE  
OLD DAYS

YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN  
DEFENDING HIM  
WERE YOU AN  
ENEMY OF ME



DON'T WORRY,  
THEY'RE ALWAYS  
LIKE THIS

HEH...



NO WE DON'T

WE HAD  
THE SAME  
TAKES AND  
CONTRASTS,  
NOW AND I







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